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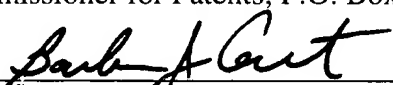
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Invention: Systems and Methods for Characterizing a Biological Condition
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Dear Sir:

The technical detail in this particular application, and the complexity its subject matter have made the task of acting on the application unusually difficult, and appreciation is expressed to the Examiner for the time and commitment spent in careful review of this application and in preparing the Office Action of December 24, 2002 ("the Office Action").

In response to the office action mailed December 24, 2002, please amend the application as set forth below.

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PATENT

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

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STATUS

2. Applicant is a small entity. A statement was already filed.

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EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for two months:

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Date: May 27, 2003

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$ 0.00	= \$		0.00
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE					\$		0.00

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FEE PAYMENT

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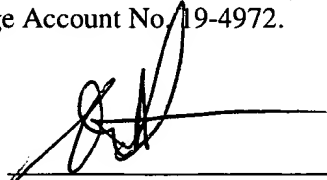
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